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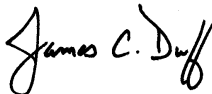
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MEMORANDUM

To: Judges, United States Courts of Appeals
Judges, United States District Courts
United States Magistrate Judges
Circuit Executives
Federal Public/Community Defenders
District Court Executives
Clerks, United States Courts of Appeals
Clerks, United States District Courts
Senior Staff Attorneys

From: James C. Duff 

RE: UPDATE ON CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL ATTORNEY PAYMENTS
(IMPORTANT INFORMATION)

Funding to process all deferred Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel attorney payments became available on April 15, 2011, after the President signed the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act 2011 (Pub. L. No.112-10). Because of the large number of vouchers involved, it took several days to process them all. I am pleased to inform you that, as of today, the entire backlog has been eliminated.

As we all recognize, panel attorneys play a critical role in the federal criminal justice system. You may wish to express the Judiciary's appreciation for their patience during the recent panel payment suspension and for their continued commitment to providing representation to those who cannot afford to retain counsel.

cc: CJA Panel Attorney District Representatives
CJA Supervising/Circuit Case-Budgeting Attorneys